(b) No, Sir Vishakhapatnam is already connected with Bastar region of Chhattisgarh through NH-43 and NH-5

(c) Does not arise

**Roads in Rajasthan and Punjab**

2515. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA
SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state

(a) whether Rajasthan and Punjab has been provided assistance by the Central Government for road constructions, repairs and maintenance,

(b) the quantum of assistance provided for the last one-year,

(c) the details of the proposals submitted by the State Government during that period, and

(d) the details of the action taken for construction of new roads, maintenance and repairs of old roads?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K H MUNIYAPPA) (a) and (b) The Ministry is essentially responsible for development and maintenance of National Highways (NHs) However, assistance is also provided to State Governments/Union Territories for development of State Roads under Central Road Fund (CRF), Economic Importance (EI) and Inter-State Connectivity (ISC) Schemes The quantum of assistance provided during 2003-04 for development of NHs (road construction & maintenance) and for State roads under CRF, Economic Importance & Inter-State Connectivity Schemes are as under -

*(Rs in crores)*

| | National Highways | | | CRF | EI & ISC |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Development | Maintenance | Total | | |
| Rajasthan | 48 00 | 27 93 | 75 93 | 47 23 | Nil |
| Punjab | 51 00 | 20 09 | 71 09 | 28 66 | Nil |

(c) The details of proposals submitted by the State Governments during 2003-04 is given as under:—

*(Rs. in crores)*

| | National Highways | | | | CRF | | EI & ISC |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Nos. | Sanctioned cost | Nos. | Sanctioned cost | Nos. | Sanctioned cost | |
| Rajasthan | 34 | 147.98 | 21 | 45.13 | 65 | 100 65 | Nil |
| Punjab | 38 | 80.81 | 11 | 20.96 | 35 | 86.07 | Nil |

(d) The details of estimates sanctioned (action taken) during 2003-04 for construction of new roads, maintenance and repairs of old roads is given as under:—

*(Rs. in crores)*

| | National Highways | | | CRF | | EI & ISC | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Nos. | Sanctioned cost | Nos | Sanctioned cost | Nos. | Sanctioned cost | |
| Rajsathan | 20 | 58 42 | 14 | 27.26 | 65 | 100.65 | Nil |
| Punjab | 33 | 66.00 | 11 | 11 21 | Nil | Nil | Nil |

**Liquor shops on National Highways**

2516. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO:
SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a demand has been made to remove all liquor shops from the National Highways;

(b) if so, the details of this representation received and other submissions made;

(c) whether Government have discussed this issue with the organisation;

(d) whether any response has been given to the valuable suggestions to reduce accidents; and